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DEPARTMENT PASS OES/NET FOR PROCHNIK, EB/ORF/FSE
FOR RAMSAY, DOE PASS VANDERRY, G. CUNNINGHAM,
P. AFANESANKO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ENRG, OECD
SUBJECT: SECOND NEA FUEL CYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING

1. SUMMARY: NEA FUEL CYCLE COMMITTEE MET MARCH 14-15, 1978. REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY EXPERT GROUPS ON URANIUM EXPLORATION TECHNIQUES, IUREP, FUEL CYCLE DEMAND. PROPOSALS FOR CHANGING MANDATE OF WORKING PARTY ON URANIUM DEMAND, ESTABLISHING NEW NEA/IAEA WORKING PARTY ON URANIUM EXTRACTION AND OTHER BUSINESS OF COMMITTEE WERE DISCUSSED. IN GENERAL ALL SUGGESTIONS PUT TO COMMITTEE RECEIVED AT LEAST PARTIAL APPROVAL SO THAT WORK OF GROUP CAN BE EXPECTED TO EXPAND IN COMING YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FIRST MEETING APPROVED
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WITH MINOR CORRECTIONS.

3. REVISED SET OF FOUR PROPOSALS FROM NEA/IAEA JOINT GROUP OF EXPERTS ON R&D IN URANIUM EXPLORATION TECHNIQUES WAS DISTRIBUTED. FRG, CANADA, FRANCE, THE EC AND U.S. EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SOME OR ALL OF PROPOSALS. THE SECRETARIAT WILL

REQUEST FORMAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM
MEMBER COUNTRIES.

4. INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT ON IUREP DISTRIBUTED
AND REVIEWED BY NININGER. 160 COUNTRIES WERE
CATEGORIZED ACCORDING TO CRITERIA SET BY STEERING
GROUP ON URANIUM RESOURCES. INTERMEDIATE IUREP
PHASE TO FIRM UP PHASE I AND IMPROVE ESTIMATES
WAS RECOMMENDED. THIS WOULD CONCENTRATE ON 36
COUNTRIES WITH GOOD POTENTIAL AND COST 2 MILLION
DOLLARS. INTEREST IN NEW WORK EXPRESSED BY FRG,
U.S., ITALY, FRANCE. OTHER COUNTRIES EITHER
DECLINED OR NEED CONSULTATION. DEADLINE OF
APRIL 7 SET FOR FURTHER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST.

5. CHAIRMAN OF WORKING PARTY ON URANIUM DEMAND
DISTRIBUTED FINAL COPY OF REPORT ON NUCLEAR FUEL
CYCLE REQUIREMENT AND SUPPLY CONSIDERATION. COM-
MITTEE AGREED REPORT SHOULD BE PUBLISHED BIANNUALLY
AS JOINT NEA/IAEA WORK IN PARALLEL WITH THE RED
BOOK ON URANIUM DEMAND, AND NEXT ISSUE SHOULD BE
COORDINATED WITH INFCE. FUTURE REPORTS WILL ALSO
INCLUDE PROJECTIONS OF SPENT FUEL AND WASTE PER
U.S. SUGGESTION. CANADA AND FRANCE EXPRESSED
CONCERN THAT URANIUM EXPLORATION COULD BE PUSHED
TO PROCEED TOO FAST AND MAY LEAD TO OVER SUPPLY
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AS IN LATE 1950'S.

6. PROPOSAL TO BROADEN MANDATE OF WORKING PARTY
ON URANIUM DEMAND INTO A JOINT IEA/IAEA WORKING
PARTY WITH TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC INTEREST IN
SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF RAW MATERIALS AND FUEL CYCLE
SERVICES WAS APPROVED.

7. COMMITTEE REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED IAEA PROPOSAL
TO SET UP JOINT WORKING GROUP ON URANIUM. CHAIRMAN
AND SECRETARIAT STRESSED OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPING
COLLABORATIVE R&D PROJECTS, WHILE U.K. RECOMMENDED
PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE. JAPAN
SUPPORTED NEW GROUP BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER

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ADDED WORKLOAD ON SECRETARIAT. JAPAN ALSO UN-
CERTAIN IF GROUP SHOULD COVER FUEL STORAGE AND
WASTE ISSUE. NOTE THAT FCC TERMS OF REFERENCE
ALLOWS ESTABLISHING OR DELETING WORKING GROUPS
WITHOUT STEERING COMMITTEE APPROVAL.

8. HAUSSERMANN REPORT ON COOPERATION WITH INFCE
TO DATE. MOST DIRECT ASSISTANCE SUPPLIED TO
GROUPS 1, 2, 3 AND 4. RED BOOK ON URANIUM DEMAND
AND YELLOW BOOK ON NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE REQUIREMENT
GIVEN TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTIES. ASSISTANCE
ALSO PROVIDED IN DEVELOPING INFCE QUESTIONNAIRE.
OXIDE FUEL REPROCESSING REPORT PREPARED BY NELT
GIVEN TO INFCE GROUP 4.

9. FCC AGREED TO ESTABLISH BUREAU COMPOSED OF
CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, NEA AND IAEA SECRETARIATS
AND CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP AS APPROPRIATE TO
ORGANIZE AND COORDINATE ACTIVITIES. IT WAS STRESSED
THAT THIS WAS NOT DECISION-MAKING BODY.
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10. THE NEXT MEETING WAS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 28-29,
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